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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CONDOLENCE MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT POHER AND MADAME POMPIDOU

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES SHOULD BE DELIVERED AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. THE FIRST IS ADDRESSED UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT POHER HAS BEEN SWORN IN. IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE MAKE THE APPROPRIATE CHANGE IN THE TITLE OF ADDRESS BEFORE DELIVERY. SIGNED COPIES ARE BEING SENT BY POUCH. THE US GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THE TEXTS OF THE LETTERS BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE RECIPIENTS DOING SO.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR PRESIDENT POHER: WITH THE PASSING OF PRESIDENT POMPIDOU, FRANCE HAS LOST A GREAT AND DEVOTED SERVANT, AND THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE HAS LOST A VALUABLE ALLY. PLEASE EXPRESS TO THE FRENCH NATION THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THIS SAD OCCASION. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON. END TEXT.

3. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MADAME POMPIDOU: I LEARNED WITH THE DEEPEST REGRET OF THE PASSING OF YOUR HUSBAND. HIS SERVICES TO HIS COUNTRY WERE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF

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LEADERSHIP, AND I KNOW THAT HE WILL BE REMEMBERED NOT

ONLY BY THE FRENCH PEOPLE, BUT BY PEOPLE EVERYWHERE FOR
HIS EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE. MRS.

NIXON AND I JOIN WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN EXTENDING

TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY OUR MOST PROFOUND SYMPATHY.
SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON. END TEXT. RUSH

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